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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PRO MEMORIA HANDED TO CHARGE ON
MARCH 2
Y YUGOSLAV UNDERSECRETARY RADISLAV LONCAR:

BEGIN TEXT:

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE PENDING VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC, JOSIP BROZ TITO(TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE
HOSTILE EMIGRES HAVE LAUNCHED AN EXTENSIVE PROPAGANDIST -
POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. THIS CAMPAIGN INCLUDES SUCH ACTIONS AS:

- ORGANIZING MASS DEMONSTRATIONS ACCOMPANIED BY SOUND
EFFECTS, PICKETING, HANDING OUT OF LEAFLETS, WRITING OF
POSTERS AND SLOGANS, DRAWING OF CARICATURES, ETC.;

- SENDING OF PETITIONS AND TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND
CONGRESSMAN;

- PUBLICATION OF THEIR OWN MATERIALS THROUGH AMERICAN MASS
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INFORMATION MEDIA AGAINST THE VISIT;

- ORGANIZING HUNGER STRIKES.

THERE ARE SERIOUS INDICATIONS THAT CERTAIN PREPARATIONS OF
TERRORIST ACTIONS ARE ALSO UNDERWAY. INDICATIVE OF IT IS THE
FACT THAT ON 22 FEBRUARY 1978 AN UNKNOWN TERRORIST SHOT

VJEKOSLAV RADOVIC, PROMINENT IMMIGRANT FROM NEW YORK AND WOUNDED HIM SERIOUSLY. RADOVIC, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF MAGAZINE "VIDICI" (THE HORIZONS) WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO PRESSURES AND THREATS IN HOSTILE EMIGRE PRESS ALREADY PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT.

PREPARATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AND PARTICULARLY IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND SOME TOWNS IN CALIFORNIA. THERE ARE ALSO INTENTIONS BY THE EMIGRES TO MAKE USE OF THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DEMONSTRATIONS BY AMERICAN WAR VETERANS IN FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE ORGANIZED FOR QUITE DIFFERENT PURPOSES, TO TURN THEM INTO ALLEGEDLY COMMON-CAUSE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE VISIT.

DISCONCERTING IS THE FACT THAT PERMISSION WAS ISSUED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FASCIST USTASHI EMIGRES TO DEMONSTRATE ON 6 MARCH BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 2 P.M. IN LAFAYETTE PARK NEAR THE WHITE HOUSE; THE COLUMN IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE AT 2 P.M. FOR CAPITOL HILL AND TO LAST TILL 4 P.M. (U.S. AUTHORITIES ESTIMATE THAT THERE MAY BE ABOUT 2000 DEMONSTRATORS, AMONG THEM 300 FROM NEW YORK). U.S. AUTHORITIES DECLARED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PREVENT EXTREMISTS FROM COMING TO WASHINGTON ((THEIR NAMES BEING MENTIONED ON THE LIST PRESENTED BY YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES), BUT THAT THEY WOULD KEEP THEM UNDER CONTROL. IT IS ALSO WORRYING THAT THE CHETNIK EMIGRES APPLIED FOR AND WERE GRANTED BY THE AMERICAN COMPETENT AUTHORITIES PERMISSION. CONFIDENTIAL

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TO STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS IN WASHINGTON. THEIR ORGANIZERS ARE: "SRPSKA NARODNA ODBRANA", (THE SERBIAN NATIONAL DEFENCE), MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "CHETNIKS FROM RAVNA GORA" HEADED BY THE WELL-KNOWN WAR CRIMINAL FROM WORLD WAR II. M. DJUJIC, AND THE "SRPSKI POKRET ZA OSOBODJENJE OTADZBINE" (SOPO) - (THE SERBIAN MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE FATHERLAND).

IN ADDITION, THE "SOPO", A NOTORIOUS TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, IS MAKING PREPARATIONS WITH A VIEW TO CARRYING OUT ARMED ACTS (THEY ARE PURCHASING ARMS - SPECIAL RIFLES - STUDYING THE DELEGATION'S ROUTE AND RESIDENCE IN VARIOUS PLACES IN THE UNITED STATES, PARTICULARLY OBSERVING THE BUILDINGS THE DELEGATION WILL BE USING OR ENTERING).

THE COMPETENT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE (HAT THE SOPO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANTING BOMBS IN THE DIPLOMATIC-CONSULAR MISSION OF THE SFRY IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1976, AND LATER ON ALSO IN THE EMBASSY OF THE SFRY IN WASHINGTON AND THE YUGOSLAV MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK.

THREE TERRORISTS OF THIS ORGANIZATION HAVE RECENTLY BEEN

KILLED IN TORONTO WHEN PREPARING EXPLOSIVE DEVICES INTENDED FOR
THE REPETITION OF SIMILAR ACTS AGAINST YUGOSLAV
REPRESENTATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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THE USTASHI EMIGRES ARE ALSO CARRYING OUT EXTENSIVE PREPARA-
TIONS AIMED AT OBSTRUCTING THE VISIT UNDER THE SLOGAN OF
"INDEPENDENT CROATIA". IN ADDITION TO THE SO-CALLED CROATIAN
PATRIOTS, THEY INVITE TO DEMONSTRATIONS ALSO THE ALBANIAN AND
MACEDONIAN HOSTILE EMIGRES.

MARIO DESPOJA, THE SELF-STYLED CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE
SO-CALLED "CROATIAN EMBASSY" IN CANBERRA (AUSTRALIA) PLANS TO
TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO VISIT THE UN HEADQUARTERS.
THE USTASHI GROUP IN AUSTRALIA, DESPOJA BEING ITS EXPONENT,
ASKED THAT ITS EXAMPLE BE FOLLOWED AND THAT IN THE UNITED STATES
DURING PRESIDENT TITO'S VISIT SEVERAL "CROATIAN MISSIONS" BE
OPENED, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE TIME HOW LONG THEY WOULD LAST.

THE INITIATOR AND CHIEF ORGANIZER OF THESE USTASHI ACTIONS
IS THE FASCIST-TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE SO-CALLED "HRVATSKO
NARODNO VIJECE (THE CROATIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL) WHICH WAS ALSO
BEHIND THE KIDNAPPING OF THE TWO PLANE AND THE RAID OF THE
YUGOSLAV MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK, ON WHICH
OCCASIONS THE HOUSEKEEPER OF THE MISSION WAS GRAVELY WOUNDED,
THE PERPETRATORS OF WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SENTENCED BY
AMERICAN COURTS.

AT THE HEAD OF THIS ORGANIZATION, AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
"EXECUTIVE BOARD" IS THE NOTORIOUS USTASHI JANKO SKRIBIN, FOR
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WHOM THE DOCUMENTATION WAS SUPPLAED TO THE AMERICAN ON 17 FEBRUARY 1978, AND MIRO GAL, AN OFFICER OF THE USTASHI MILITARY FORMATIONS ON WHOM, AS WELL AS ON OTHER "OFFICIALS" OF THE CROATIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, DATA WERE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE CROATIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL AND ITS FUNDS ARE BEING CONTROLLED BY PERSONS WHO ARE US CITIZENS.

ALL THESE PREPARATIONS AND ACTIONS BY THE HOSTILE EMIGRES WHICH SERIOUSLY CALL IN QUESTION THE SECURITY ASPECT OF THE VISIT ARE AIMED AT COMPRISING AND DOWNPLAYING THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VISIT, AND ARE DIRECTED AGAINST OUR GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE THEREFORE EXPECT THAT THE COMPETENT AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, THROUGH OPERATIVE AND OTHER MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL, WILL DISCOURAGE AND PREVENT ALL KINDS OF THE PLANNED ACTIONS BY THE HOSTILE EMIGRES.

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